6. Krishnadevarsya Dental College & Hospital, Bangalore.

7. R.V. Dental College, Bangalore.

8. Raja Rajeshwar Dental College, Bangalore.

9. Maaruti College of Dental Sciences & Research, Bangalore.

10. NSVK's Sri Venketshwara Dental College & Hospital, Bangalore.

11. Coorge Institute of Dental Sciences, Coorge.

12. Sri Siddhartha Dental College, Tumkur.

The recommendation of Dental Council of India in respect of following 2 dental colleges started prior to commencement of Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1993 are also awaited.

1. Rajiv Gandhi College of Dental Sciences, Bangalore

2. Dr. Syamala Reddy Dental College, Bangalore.

(c) The process of grant of recoognition of BDS degree of the concerned dental colleges can only be initiated on the recommendations of the Dental Council of India.

Horrific State of Orthopaedic Department at Safdarjung Hospital

456. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 22nd October, 1999, under the headings, "Horrific state of Orthopaedic Department";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken for improving the situation of Orthopaedic Department of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news-item refers to a letter regarding irregularities and improper functioning of CIO, Safdarjung Hospital.

(c) A Committee of four officers with Director, AIIMS as Chairman has been constituted to look into the complaints received from Doctors regarding the functioning of Central Institute of Orthopaedics, Safdarjung Hospital, especially relating to corruption and mismanagement.